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1. From 29 October to 10 November 1952, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, 3 km east of Gardelegen, was occupied by a rear detail of about 50 troops, an AT unit of about 250 troops and by about 220 air force soldiers. The AT unit was quartered in tents at the western edge of the installation. Twelve 85-mm AT guns were emplaced nearby. No training or special activities were observed.¹

2. From 29 October to 10 November, the Remonte Schule on the road to Helmstedt was occupied by an engineer unit. All windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. A railroad man stated that the engineer unit stationed there had been detrained at the Gardelegen railroad station during the night of 3 November; and that the unit concerned was that which had left the installation in mid-April. Training activity or vehicular traffic were not observed.²

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3. On 20 October, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, 3 km east of Gardelegen, was occupied to capacity by troops, mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and, a few, black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 25 to 30 trucks were maintained and 12 to 15 guns were cleaned.

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About 250 troops engaged in combat practice and marksmanship training with small arms and light machine guns on the airfield. Trucks were seen in front of the installation.¹

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1. Comment. The information contained in paragraph 1 of the present report indicates no change in the occupation of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne.

It is unknown

why, during the period mentioned, a unit should have bivouacked in tents close to an installation which was almost vacant. There is, of course, the possibility that the 598th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div, because of better possibilities to perform border guard duty, moved to Kloeitze in the summer of 1952. There is, however, no reason to believe that the 780th Gun Arty Regt and the 1st Itzcl Bn of the division should not be stationed in the installation. No information on a transfer of these units has been obtained. The information

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contained in paragraph 3 of the present report, therefore, checks with previous assumptions, according to which the 780th Gun Arty Regt and the [redacted] Mtrcl Bn of the division and, possibly, elements of the infantry regiment are carried in this installation. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Although no other information on the return to Gardlegen of the 890th Indep Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps has been obtained, it is probable that this battalion, too, had moved into its winter quarters in early November.

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